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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PRIORITY REQUEST

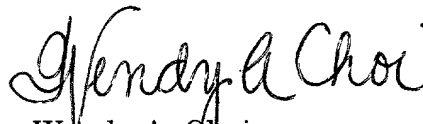
Sir:

This preliminary amendment is filed along with the filing of a non-provisional patent application transmittal form. This patent application claims the benefit of the earlier filing date of prior filed co-pending provisional application serial number 60/240,904 filed on October 17, 2000 under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4). Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--Cross Reference To Related Patent Applications

This is a non-provisional application of prior pending U.S. provisional application serial number 60/240,904 filed October 17, 2000.--

Respectfully submitted,



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